

Jane Mickelborough Clogmaker



Formerly of Darwen
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Jane Mickelborough, Clogmaker, Formerly of Darwen, Lancashire, England

In October 2023 we saw an interesting pair of clogs advertised for sale on the eBay auction site. They had an unusual side clasp fastening, and were said to have been made by Sandra Turton, a former clogmaker of Skelmersdale, Lancashire. The clogs were advertised with Sandra Turton's old price list. The style was not like any known to have been made by Sandra so we wondered whether the list had been matched to the wrong pair of clogs by the vendor.

Fortunately Jane Mickelborough confirmed that she had made the clogs, and Sandra said she had not made them. We contacted the eBay vendor to suggest there was an error in the listing and it was corrected. Now we knew the correct maker we decided to buy the clogs and they arrived complete with Jane Mickelborough's leaflet, which is reproduced here. (Sandra's leaflet belonged with a different pair of clogs which the vendor advertised later.)

The following page about Jane is from Duncan Broomhead's 1983 directory of clogmakers (May edition), a full copy of which is available here:
<https://archive.org/details/clogmakers-directory-may-83-v-2-min>

Jane Mickelborough is no longer a clogmaker. She now lives in France where she makes wooden spoons. She can be found online as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/JaneSpoons>

<https://www.chatquilit.com/?fbclid=IwAR12BP6l1mO3ewVMEYFJ5qnzmv-HCnVDKK9uRNJjKRpBt3hkCiGoAg4wvKk>

Her Darwen address and telephone number should not be used in an attempt to contact her.

More information about British clogs is available on our Facebook page – Clogs & Pattens of Britain & Ireland – here:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089801326655>

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MELLOR, W.

17 Yorkshire St.
Bacup, Lancs.

uppers: all factory made

styles: gibson, bar

soles: all factory made

styles: ducks, commons

no crimp available

mail order not accepted

Delivery from order 14 days

MICKLEBOROUGH, Jane

107 Belgrave Rd.

Darwen, Lancs

Tel: Darwen 73046

uppers: all handmade

styles: Gibson, Clasp,
Blucher boot, button bar.

colours: Black, brown, red, blue,
tan, maroon, dark red, navy,
bottle green.
Other colours on request.

soles: factory made

styles: square duck, round duck
commons.

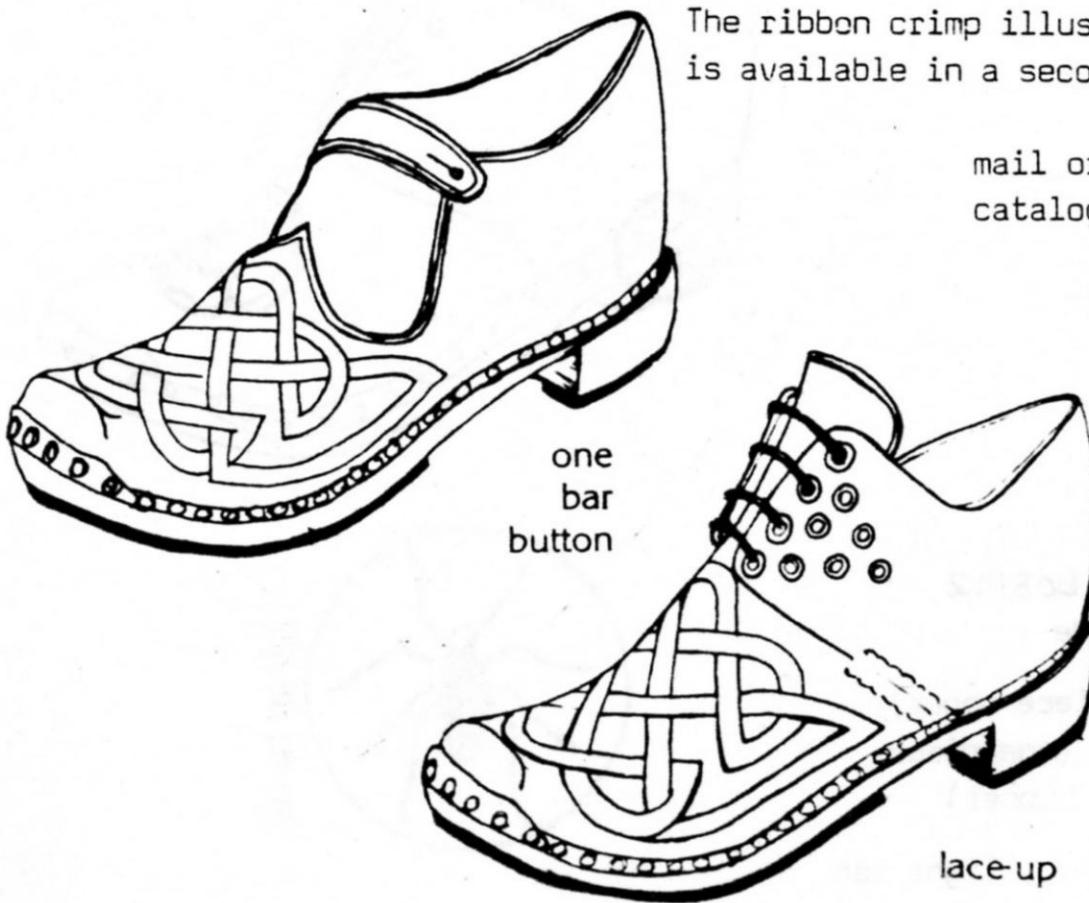
crimp: illustrated. Customers own
available.

other information:

childrens sizes available.

The ribbon crimp illustrated
is available in a second colour.

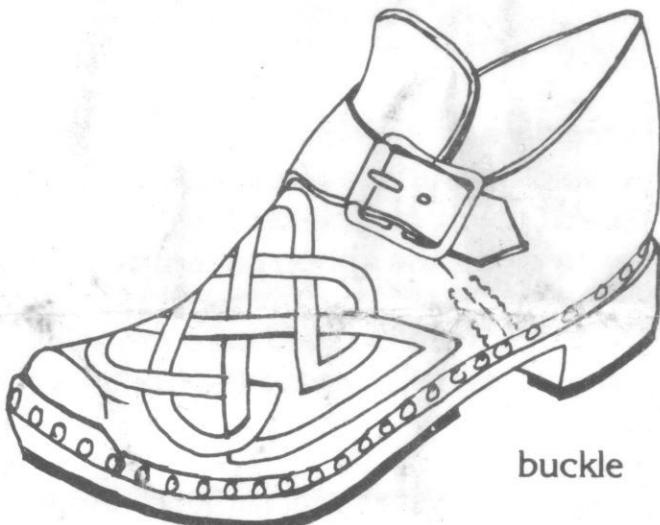
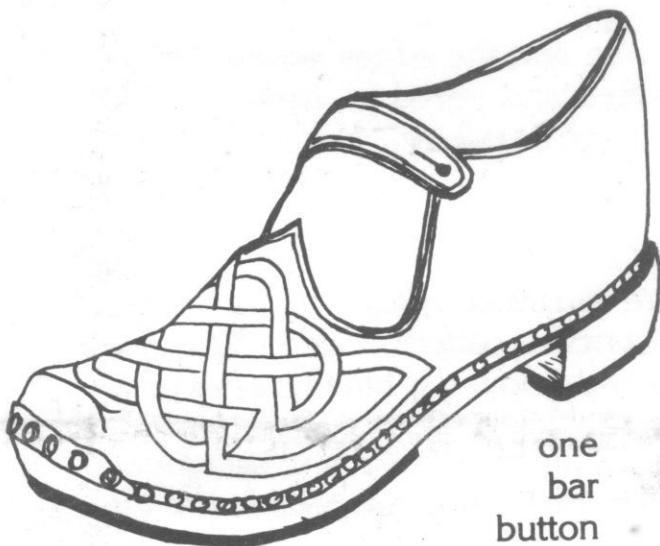
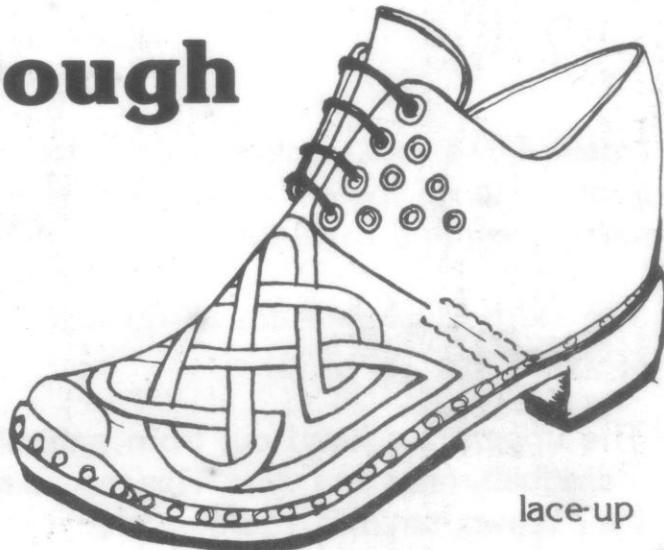
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- ★ Lace-up, button and buckle Clogs in traditional styles
- ★ Individually cut and hand stitched
- ★ Hand dyed, waxed and crimped
- ★ Made to order for adults & children
- ★ Dancing and Morris clogs a speciality

I make 4 traditional styles of clog — lace-up, one bar button, buckle and Blucher boot. All these styles can be made in one of two toe shapes — commons, (or round toes) and Duck toes.



commons



Duck toe.

The clogs illustrated are all duck toes except the Blucher Boots which are commons.

The uppers are hand cut from natural vegetable tanned English hides and individually oiled and dyed. This means a wide range of standard colours: Black, dark brown, tan, red, maroon, blue and bottle green — and other colours are possible.

The rough-cut uppers are then waxed, trimmed and the edges skived, before being hand stitched. The leather is then wetted and lasted — stretched and moulded over a wooden foot shape, burnished with a hot burnishing iron and left to dry.

Once dry and while the upper is still on the last it is crimped — the pattern being cut into the surface of the leather. The pattern illustrated is my standard crimp pattern, each clogmaker having his own distinctive pattern. I also make two colour clogs, the ribbon pattern being in a second colour e.g. blue on a red clog.

The uppers are clogged onto the soles — made usually of beech or sycamore, using brass nails around the fronts with a brass toe tin and iron nails round the heels.

For general wear I recommend and fit rubber shods although morris dancers may require irons. If you want clogs for step dancing I will leave the soles plain — let me know of any special needs and I will try and help.

Sizes

As a guide, Clogs are usually a size smaller than shoe size, e.g. shoe size 5 would wear a clog size 4. When ordering please draw your foot outlines, measure over your instep (floor to floor) at its highest point and tell me your usual **shoe** size.

Ordering

On receipt of your order and deposit I will send an acknowledgement with an approximate delivery date. When your clogs are ready I will send an invoice for the balance and despatch them on receipt of payment.

Standard post and packing is £1.75 per order.

Please send a £3 deposit for each pair ordered.

ORDER FORM

To Jane Mickelborough

107 Belgrave Road

Darwen, Lancs

BB3 2SF

Telephone Darwen 73046

Name

Address

Phone: Date

Style lace-up buckle one bar button blucher boot

Toe Shape commons duck toe
(round toe)

Colour

Soles rubber shods irons plain

Special requirements

e.g. long or fringed tongues, extra eyelets for Morris Clogs.

Shoe Size

Instep Measurement

(remember to include outline drawings of your feet)

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £3 deposit per pair ordered.